GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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DIRECT EXCHANGE LINES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of direct exchange lines installed by BSNL and MTNL till March 31, 2002;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the installation of additional direct exchange lines in 2002-03; and

(c) if so, the details of the direct exchange lines proposed to be installed in various States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) The number of direct exchange lines installed by Bharat SancharNigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited till March 31, 2002 were 33,432,874 and 47,435,75 lines respectively.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The details of the direct exchange lines proposed to be installed in various States in 2002-2003 are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Details of Proposed Addition of Directo Exchange Lines Circle-Wise (2002-03)

S.NO	Name of the Circle	Proposed Addition of DELs
1	Andman & Nicobar	4000
2	Andhra Pradesh	478000
3	Assam	80000
4	Bihar	253800
5	Chhattisgarh	41500
6	Gujarat	586000
7	Haryana	231000
8	Himachal Pradesh	96500
9	Jammu & Kashmir	48000
10	Jharkhand	100200
11	Karnataka	414000
12	Kerala	930000
13	Madhya Pradesh	167500
14	Maharashtra	626000
15	Noth East-I	21500
16	North East-II	15000
17	Orissa	160000
18	Punjab	456000
19	Rajasthan	301000
20	Tamilnadu	322000
21	Uttar Pradesh (East)	297000
22	Uttar Pradesh (West)	240500
23	Uttaranchal	60500
24	West Bengal	266000
25	Chennai	146000
26	Kolkata	92000
BSNL TOTAL		6434000
27	Delhi	268200
28	Mumbai	280800
MTNL TOTAL		549000